(b) if so, the names of diseases other than contagious ones for which Central aid is allocated to State; and

(c) what is the amount of financial assistance allocated to Orissa for this purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). The Central Government provides Central assistance to the State Government/U.Ts. for control of communicable diseases like T.B., Leprosy, Malaria, Blindness etc., under certain National Health Programme. The following amount of Central assistance had been allocated to State of Orissa:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name Disease	Allocation		
	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
T.B. .	30·50	30·00	32·50
Leprosy .	81·00	81·00	81·00
Malaria .	372·32	297 20	178·50
Filaria .	5·35	..	7·08
Blindness	26·99	33·29	26 56

Import of AIDS detection kits

2074. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many kits have been imported for detection of AIDS and at what cost;

(b) what is their price in the international market;

(c) whether these kits have been allocated to different Hospitals/Health Centres; and

(d) the number of cases of AIDS which have so far been detected with the aid of these kits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Following initiation of the National AIDS Control Programme, the number of AIDS test kits imported through WHO under the programme are as given below:—

(i) 53 Kits of 5088 tests in the month of May, 1986 . . Total prices of U.S. $ 8677

(ii) Orders placed for 209 Kits for 20064 tests . . Total price U.S. $ 30081

(c) These kits have been given to 12 surveillance centres and 4 referral centres under the programme.

(d) As on 31-7-1986, as many as 6629 persons amongst high risk group have been screened and 19 cases have confirmed to have AIDS infection. Of these 19 two are full blown cases of AIDS, two are AIDS related complex and 15 are carriers.

Second rail link between India and Pakistan

2075. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD Will the Minister of TRANSPORT b pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a si member Indian delegation visited Islama bad for talks on the proposed secon railway link between the two countrie and

(b) if so, what was the outcome c the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Si

(b) An agreement to open the Mun bao-Khokhrapar rail route for passeng services has been reached. Details f operating the line will be worked o between the railways of the two countri shortly after which the date of commen ing the services will be fixed.